

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-7, 12-14, and 16-17 have been amended. Claims 8-11, 15, and 18-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 28-32 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-7, 12-14, 16-17, and 28-32 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Narayan, U.S. Patent No. 5,717,827 (“Narayan”).

Claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites receiving a request from a waveform synthesizer residing on a client for a diphone residual for a particular speech out; locating the requested diphone residual; extracting the located diphone residual from the set of diphone residuals; and supplying the diphone residual to the waveform synthesizer on the client to produce the particular speech output” (emphasis provided).

Narayan discloses “translating text in a computer system to synthesized speech; and more particularly to techniques used in such systems for storage and retrieval of speech data” (col. 1, lines 20-23). Although Narayan discloses a “text-to-speech system” it does not teach or reasonably suggest having a waveform synthesizer on a client and receiving a request from the client for a particular compressed diphone residual to generate a particular speech output, locating and extracting the diphone residual, and supplying the compressed diphone residual to the waveform synthesizer on the client, as recited by claim 1. Stated differently, Narayan does not teach or reasonably suggest having a waveform synthesizer on the client or using the client-based waveform synthesizer as recited by claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the

Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

With regard to claim 12, it contains limitations similar to those of claim 1 and accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 12 and its dependent claims.

With regard to new claim 29, it contains limitations similar to those of claim 1 and accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 29 and its dependent claims are distinguished from the cited references.

Claims 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Hutchins, U.S. Patent No. 5,384,893 ("Hutchins,").

With regard to claims 13-14, they depend from independent claim 12 and thus, contain the limitations of claim 12. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 13-14.

Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 6, 7, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Narayan, U.S. Patent No. 5,717,827 ("Narayan") in view of Yong, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,867,814.

With regard to claims 6-7, they depend from independent claim 1 and thus, contain the limitations of claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 6-7.

Claims 10-11 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Hutchins, U.S. Patent No. 5,384,893 ("Hutchins,") in view of Yong, et al. U.S.

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With regard to claims 16-17, they depend from independent claim 1 and thus, contain the limitations of claim 12. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 16-17.

Claims 20 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Narayan, U.S. Patent No. 5,717,827 ("Narayan") in view of Kivimaki U.S. Patent No. 20010014860.

Claims 20 and 22-27 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Narayan, U.S. Patent No. 5,717,827 ("Narayan") in view of Huang, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,553,375.

Claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

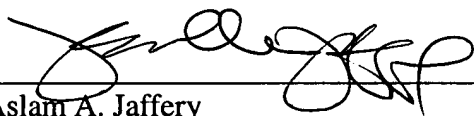
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Respectfully submitted,

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